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SUBJECT: HARASSMENT OF CHILE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES

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1. I APPRECIATE AND STRONGLY SUPPORT RESPONSE MADE BY ARA/BC COUNTRY DIRECTOR TO BELGIAN SUGGESTION THAT DIPLOMATIC CORPS BOYCOTT CHIEF OF STATE PINOCHET'S SEPT 11 ADDRESS. WHILE I WOULD BE THE LAST TO DEFEND CHILEAN JUNTA IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, TO SINGLE OUT CHILE IN THIS UNUSUAL WAY -- WHEN OUR DIPLOMATS ATTEND SIMILAR STATE ACTS IN ALL SORTS OF AUTHORITARIAN COUNTRIES-- WOULD BE AN ACT OF BLATANT AND TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED DISCRIMINATION. I HAVE RECEIVED INVITATION TO SEPT 11 ADDRESS AND PLAN ATTEND IN NORMAL FASHION.

2. I LIKEWISE APPRECIATE AND SUPPORT REACTION OF US DEL TO UNCTAD TDB XIV TO PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL APPEAL BY UNSYG ON BEHALF OF CLODORMIRO ALMEYDA. ALTHOUGH HE WAS PRESIDENT OF UNCTAD III, THIS IN ITSELF DOES NOT JUSTIFY SINGLING OUT ALMEYDA, OVER AND ABOVE THE MORE THAN THIRTY OTHER FORMER UP LEADERS DETAINED BY  
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THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT, OR OVER HUNDREDS

OR THOUSANDS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS DETAINED BY OTHER COUNTRIES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD. IN FACT, AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, WE LONG AGO ASCERTAINED THAT ALMEYDA AND HIS ASSOCIATES HAVE NOT BEEN INHUMANELY TREATED AND THAT AT MOMENT THEIR REGIME IS FULLY SATISFACTORY.

3. RUMORS ABOUND THAT ALMEYDA, LETELIER, AND OTHERS MAY BE FREED AND PERHAPS EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY IN CONNECTION WITH SEPT 11 COUP ANNIVERSARY. US DEL MAY WISH TO MAKE POINT THAT ACTION TAKEN AT THIS STAGE RE ALMEYDA MIGHT ACTUALLY TEND TO IMPEDE HIS RELEASE.

4. I RECOGNIZE THAT HUMANITARIAN AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE IN LARGE PART RESPONSIBLE FOR POLITICAL PRESSURES IMPELLING BELGIANS AND SOME OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO STAND ALOOF FROM CHILEANS. SAME CAN HARDLY BE SAID FOR NON-DEMOCRATIC REGIMES WHICH TEND TO ORGANIZE ANTI-CHILEAN INITIATIVES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. RESULTANT SUCCESSION OF REBUFFS TO CHILE TENDS TO FORTIFY CONVICTION AMONG CHILEANS THAT THEY ARE TARGETS OF A WORLD-WIDE CONSPIRACY DESIGNED TO RE-IMPLANT A MARXIST REGIME IN THE COUNTRY. JUNTA IS INCLINED TO SEE MARXIST HOBGOBLINS UNDER EVERY BED, AND EVENTS SUCH AS THOSE REPORTED REFTELS ONLY FORTIFY THEIR CONVICTIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, THEIR REACTIONS INEVITABLY BECOME WARPED, AND THE FORCES WITHIN CHILE SEEKING TO MOVE THE COUNTRY TOWARD MORE NORMAL AND TRADITIONAL POLITICAL PRACTICES ARE HAMPERED.

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